

DIAZ, FUGITIVE, ESCAPES UNDER COVER OF NIGHT

Departure of Dethroned Mexican Dictator Is Carefully Guarded.

FORCED TO STEAL
FROM CAPITAL

Bound for Vera Cruz to Take Ship for Spain, where He Will Find Asylum for Declining

Years—De la Barra Inaugurated as President.

Diaz Boards Vessel

Mexico City, May 26.—Private telegrams received here to-night report the arrival of General Diaz at Vera Cruz at 3 o'clock this afternoon. According to these advices, Diaz boarded the Ypiranga, a Hamburg-American boat, to-night. The Ypiranga is due to sail south to Coahuacencas to-morrow. She will return to Vera Cruz and sail for Europe Wednesday.

Mexico City, May 26.—Porfirio Díaz, for whom during thirty years all Mexico stood to one side, early to-day hat in hand, stole from the capital. Only a few devoted friends, whom

dared to trust, followed him to the station at 2 o'clock this morning, shortly after the celebration over his resignation had quieted down.

take ship for Spain. In the distance he could hear the voices of a few of the more enthusiastic citizens, who were still acclaiming the new President, Francisco Leon de la Barra, and shouting "Viva Mexico!"

So carefully were the arrangements made for the abdicated President's escape that the news did not become public until late to-day. Secrecy was due less to apprehension of a popular outburst than to a desire to reach Veracruz before marauders along the route could learn of the trip.

Bandits Frustrated.
Travel between Mexico City and Vera Cruz is over the Mexican R.

road, a stand gauge line with modern equipment. Rails along this route, however, frequently have been removed of late by bandits, who were determined that Diaz, for reasons of

known to themselves, should not leave the capital. They are reported to have harbored the idea that Diaz would follow the precedent of other Latin American Presidents and carry the national funds with him.

There is also a narrow gauge railroad to the coast. Taking it for granted that Diaz would take the more luxurious route, the bandits did not molest the narrow gauge.

The general should have reached Vera Cruz this afternoon, but whether he arrived is not publicly known here.

Presumably De la Barra and the higher governmental officials have been informed of Diaz's movements, but the lips are sealed on every detail. Even Americans high in authority with the

General Diaz, still feeble from illness and far from being a well man, left his room under dreary circum-

stances. Rain had fallen earlier in the night, and, by the time the former President emerged from his house, the air was chilly. He was closely muffled. To aid in the disguise, a borrowed a

tomobile was used. The trip to the San Lazaro station was made over unfrequented streets.

By a prearranger scheme, at the last moment, police were scattered along

the way. At certain points close friends of the former chief executive, including those who are to accompany him across the Atlantic fell in behind the Diaz automobile.

Three trains were used, the first a pilot. The Diaz special followed. The third train, occupied by a detachment of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, brought up the rear. The cars of the fugitive special were occupied as follows:

Colonel Porfirio Diaz, Jr., a son; Lieut. Yorenzo Elizaga and their families.

Third car—Francisco S. Garcia, I nacio de la Garita, and a kitchen cre

Just when or on what ship General Diaz will sail is a matter of conjecture. The French ship *Espagne* was due to leave Vera Cruz yesterday, but may have been held at the disposal of the navy from Mexico City.

A Spanish liner, the Manuel Calvo, is scheduled to weigh anchor tomorrow, sailing via Havana to Barcelona. A German ship, on which the Disparty recently reserved staterooms, sails Wednesday. These reservations

have not been cancelled. General Dis